

REMARKS**Amendments to the Claims**

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-35, 39-49, and 58-70 without prejudice to their patentability.

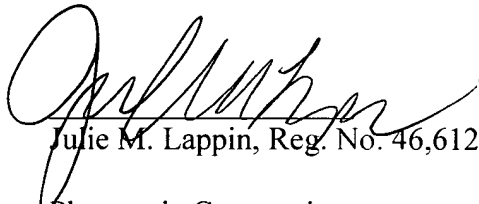
Claim 36 has been amended to delete wherein L and M are NR and wherein X₁, X₂, X_a, X_b, X_c, X_d, and X_e are OH.

New claims 71 and 72 have been added. Support for new claim 71 can be found on pages 287-297. Support for new claim 72 can be found on page 125.

Please note that the priority date for claim 71 is March 29, 2004.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, the examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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